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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 14, 2005 for which a response was due on September 14, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 1 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to 14 October 2005.

Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.